

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-001

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PINE ISLAND, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE WALLER COUNTY SUB- REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BE FORMED; AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS; AND PROVIDING OPEN MEETINGS.

Came before the City Council of the Town of Pine Island on the 9th day of June, 2008, the matter of authorizing and approving the creation of a sub-regional planning commission for Region 16, Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission ("Region 16") to be known as the Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission, and authorization to enter an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the purpose of joining with other governing units in Waller County within Region 16;

WHEREAS, Chapter 391, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code, authorizes any combination of counties or municipalities to agree to establish a commission to plan for subregion; and

WHEREAS, the governing units of Waller County within Region 16 have unique planning needs for which a cooperative effort among the uniquely affected governmental units to coordinate planning efforts is in the best interest of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest and to the benefit of the residents of the Town of Pine Island and the citizens of this state that a Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission be formed to provide for the special planning needs of Waller County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINE ISLAND, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Authorization. The following actions are hereby authorized:

- (A) The creation of a commission pursuant to Chapter 391, Tex. Local Gov't Code to be known as the "Waller County Sub-Regional Planning Commission" (the WCSPC) is authorized and approved;
- (B) The City limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction shall be included within the Commission's jurisdiction; and
- (C) The Mayor, and her designees, are authorized to take all steps necessary or required under Chapter 391, Tex. Local Government Code, to establish the WCSPC, including cooperating to form appropriate Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with other municipalities of less than 20,000 in Waller County and governmental units affected by the plans of such municipalities.

Section 2. Purpose. The WCSPC's goal is to coordinate with governmental units sharing similar needs to plan for the rapidly expanding population of the State and the unique needs of

governmental units within Waller County. Municipalities of less than 20,000 population in Waller County have a culture carrying forward the rural values of the State of Texas which requires consideration in planning for development which impacts the unique character of the municipalities and the other governmental units touching or affected by the municipalities joining WCSPC. The WCSPC is intended to plan for the development of the sub-region and make recommendations concerning major thoroughfares, streets, traffic and transportation studies, bridges, parks, recreation sites, public utilities, land use, water supply, sanitation facilities, drainage, public buildings, population density, open spaces, and other items relating to WCSPC's general purposes. The general purpose of governmental units participating in WCSPC is to:

- (A) join and cooperate to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of their residents; and
- (B) plan for the future development of communities and affected areas within the sub-region so that:
 - (1) the planning of transportation systems is improved;
 - (2) adequate street, utility, health, education, recreational, and other essential facilities are provided as the communities develop and the areas within the sub-region grow;
 - (3) the needs of agriculture, business, and industry are recognized;
 - (4) healthful surroundings for family life in residential areas are provided;
 - (5) historical and cultural values are preserved; and
 - (6) the efficient and economical use of public funds is commensurate with the growth of the communities and areas within the sub-region.

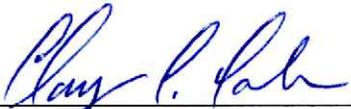
Section 3. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chap. 551, Tex. Gov't. Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 9 day of June, 2008.

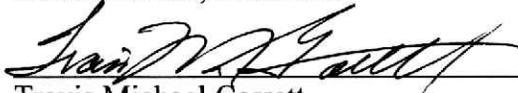
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